



2014 Young Citizen of the Year



Nominee: Armaan Sengupta

Nominators: Sudha Ram, Vijay Ramalingam, Munish Gupta,
Pallab Chakraborty, & Aditi Banerjee



In the Nominators' words:

As founder of www.iconnectvillage.com, Armaan Sengupta organizes drives in the Tri-Valley to recycle cell phones in the right way to reduce e-waste. He collects these devices from friends and family, and local people who visit his website, organizes pick-ups, and later turns them into proper recycling places like Best Buy, or has the local waste centers pick it up from home. Through this effort, Armaan hopes to reduce the e-waste footprint and make people aware that with technological advancements, e-waste can become a major issue that must be addressed sooner than

later. E-waste is the greatest threat to our environment and will continue to be so as technology rapidly advances and people keep upgrading to the newest resources.

Dublin is known for its green and ecofriendly initiatives. True to Dublin's spirits, Armaan has taken up the mantle of that responsibility to the next level with his endeavor. Every time I upgraded my cell phone, I never gave much thought about recycling. Armaan's drive changed it all. He was persistent and called me several times to arrange a pick up. This deed of his has instilled an additional sense of responsibility as well as a good habit in me.

Armaan is very studious and a community-oriented thinker. His cell phone recycling in the Tri-Valley area is tantamount to his community commitment. With a plethora of latest models of cell phones, recycling has gained even greater importance. Armaan scheduled a time and collected my cell phone as well as requested me to spread the word in my office through posting/mailings. This resulted in even more volume of old phones being recycled. I don't have an iota of doubt in my mind about the impeccable job that Armaan is doing. I am proud to nominate him for the Young Citizen of the Year.